(c) These oustees reside in different parts of Sambalpur, Bolangir and neighbouring districts of Madhya Pradesh. This causes slow progress of payment of ex-gratia.

(d) The Orissa Government have been giving wide publicity in Newspapers, declaration in media etc. to draw the attention of the affected persons to file their claim petition by 31.01.1998.

[Translation]

Assistance to U.P. For Irrigation

718. DR. BALIRAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds provided to Uttar Pradesh for irrigation during the last three years, till date;

(b) the details of the funds utilised and unutilised separately, year-wise; and

(c) the reasons for not utilising the amount, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b) A statement is enclosed.

(c) Central assistance to the States is given in the form of a block loans and block grants which are not tied to any particular project/programme except the amount earmarked under "Special problems" criterion.

Statement

Details of approved outlays & actual expenditure for Major & Medium Irrigation Projects in Uttar Pradesh during the last 3 years

(Rs.in crore)

Sl. No.	Item	Major & Medium	Minor (*)
1.	Annual Plan 1994-95		
	(a) Approved outlays	380.76	39.59
	(b) Actual expenditure	300.80	66.30
2.	Annual Plan 1995-96		
	(a) Approved Outlays	372.01	57.58
	(b) Actual expenditure	373.00	87.77
3.	Annual Plan 1996-97		
	(a) Approved Outlays	470.01	109.22
	(b) Anticipated expenditure	403.92	187.07

(*) Public Sector Outlays only Excludes Institutional Finances

[English]

Share of Indian Shipping Lines In Overseas Trade

719. SHRI AJMEERA CHANDULAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the share of Indian Shipping Lines in the country's Overseas Trade during the last three years; and

(b) the steps taken to reduce dependence on foreign lines in future?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATARAMAN): (a) The share of Indian Shipping Lines in the country's Overseas Trade during the last three years is as under:

Year	Total Tonnage Carried by Indian Lines (Million Tons)	Percentage Share of Indian Lines
1994-95	42.02	28.70
1995-96	46.00	27.80
1996-97	50.79	32.31

(Provisional)

(b) Shipping is an international business and Indian Shipping Lines operate side by side with foreign shipping lines in the Carriage of India's overseas trade. Under the liberalised scenario, the Indian shipping companies have the freedom to trade their vessels as per their commercial judgement in cross trade without any obligation to carry Indian cargo. Thus the share of Indian lines is not necessarily dependent on the Indian tonnage. Nevertheless, the Government has been taking various measures for augmenting Indian tonnage through easier acquisition, sale and mortgaging of ships.

[Translation]

Irrigation Channels and Tube Wells in H.P.

720. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the provision made for allocation of funds by the Government for the installation of tube-wells and construction of irrigation channels in Himachal Pradesh during the last two years alongwith the number thereof; and

(b) the amount allocated to the State Government for the purpose and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b) Funds allocated for installation of tubewells and construction of irrigation channels and physical achievements in Himachal Pradesh during the last two years are given below:

Year	Schemes		Funds allocated (Rs. in Lakh)	Physical achievement
1995-96	(a)	Tubewells	189.73	21 Nos.
	(b)	Irrigation Channels	77.10	1608 Hectares
1996-97	(a)	Tubewells	425.65	25 Nos.
	(b)	Irrigation Channels	160.07	2584 Hectares

[English]

Electronic Exchanges in Orissa

721. SHRI MURLIDHAR JENA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of electronic telephone exchanges functioning in Orissa till date, district-wise; and

(b) the number of manual exchanges proposed to be converted into electronic exchanges during 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) As on 31.10.1997, 741 electronic telephone exchanges are functioning in Orissa. District-wise details are given in the enclosed statement.

(b) NIL since there is no Manual Telephone Exchange in Orissa.

Statement

No of Electronic Telephone Exchanges functioning as on 31.10.1997 (Revenue Distt. wise)

Sl No.	Revenue Distt.	No. of Electronic Telephone Exchanges
1	2	3
1.	Balasore	31
2.	Bhadrak	21
3.	Mayurbhanj	36
4.	Ganjam	72
5.	Gajapati	17
6.	Phulbani	21
7.	Boudh	10
8.	Khurda	46
9.	Nayagarh	16
10.	Puri	27
11.	Bolangir	22
12.	Sonepur	9
13.	Nuapada	8
14.	Kalahandi	16
15.	Cuttack	40
16.	Jagatsinghpur	31
17.	Kendrapada	20
18.	Jajpur	31
19.	Keonjhar	31
20.	Angul	29
21.	Dhenkanal	30
22.	Korapur	25
23.	Malkangiri	7
24.	Nowrangpur	12
25.	Rayagada	21
26.	Sambalpur	26
27.	Jharsuguda	12
28.	Bargarh	32
29.	Deogarh	3
30.	Sundargarh	39
	Total	741

Assistance From OECF for Irrigation Projects

722. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total assistance received from the OECF fund of Japan for implementing irrigation projects in Orissa;

(b) whether these projects have been completed;

(c) if so, the progress made so far in this regard;

(d) whether this assistance will be made available for additional irrigation projects in Orissa; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?